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In early 1949 a parachute school was opened at an airfield north of Chiamussu, and it now (spring 1950) has 45,000 cadets, including 10,000 Soviets and 5,000 Japanese.* The school is directed by a Soviet deputy superintendent, under a Chinese Communist honorary president. Wooden towers 200 feet high along the Chiamussu-Shihua (126-58, 46-38) railway are used for jump training.

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